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**ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to novel polypeptides and DNAs encoding the same, pharmaceutical compositions comprising the polypeptides or the DNAs, a screening method/screening kit for compounds or salts thereof that promote or inhibit the activity of the polypeptides, medicaments comprising the compounds or salts thereof, etc.

The polypeptides of the present invention and DNAs encoding the same can be used for the diagnosis, treatment, prevention, etc. of, e.g., bone and joint diseases or pathological angiogenesis. Also, the polypeptides of the present invention are useful as reagents for screening the compounds or salts thereof that promote or inhibit the activity of the polypeptides.